

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 19, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2118 - HB 2863**

This bill, if enacted, will expand the definition of an *unruly child* to include a child who is habitually disobedient of commands of teachers or school administrators and expands the school system's authority to file a petition against the child in juvenile court. Currently, a school system can only file an unruly petition for truancy.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of \$2,758,800 for additional children placed in state custody. This estimate is based upon 28,588 students in FY 1994-95 who were either suspended multiple times or expelled from public schools for unruly behavior in school. Assume one percent or 286 students were determined to be unruly by the juvenile court and committed to state custody. The average length of stay is six months at a cost of \$53 per day for the placement of an unruly child.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director